IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel without prejudice claims 1-52 and add the following claims:

53. A method for positioning an adjustable image relative to a cutout region within a foreground image, comprising:

identifying a zone of interest in said adjustable image; and

determining effective translation and scaling parameters so that upon translating and scaling said adjustable image accordingly a significant portion of said zone of interest appears within said cutout region without changing the aspect ratio of the adjustable image.

54. A method according to claim 53 and wherein said significant portion of said zone of interest is as much relative area of said zone of interest as possible, but constrained so that said cutout region remain entirely within the extent of said adjustable image.

55. A method according to claim 53 and wherein said identifying is carried out manually.

56. A method according to claim 53 and wherein said identifying is carried out automatically.

57. A method according to claim 53 wherein said identifying is based on information as to how said adjustable image was positioned within a previous cutout region.

58. A system for positioning an adjustable image relative to a cutout region within a foreground image, comprising:

a zone of interest in said adjustable image; and

an image transform generator, determining effective translation and scaling parameters so that upon translating and scaling said adjustable image accordingly a significant portion of said zone of interest appears within said cutout region without changing the aspect ratio of the adjustable image.
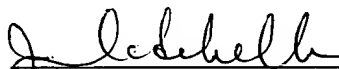
1   59.   A system according to claim 58 and wherein said significant portion of said zone of

2   interest is as much relative area of said zone of interest as possible, but constrained so that

3   said cutout region remain entirely within the extent of said adjustable image.

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1   60.   A system according to claim 58 wherein said editable image was positioned relative to

2   a previous cutout region, and wherein said zone of interest is determined from the portion of

3   said editable image that was contained within said previous cutout region

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